

Dashed By A Crash

Dear Tim:

I don't know if you know a lot about computers, but the hard drive on my laptop crashed the other week. Essentially that's the little brain inside where you store all the stuff you want to save. Well mine just got fried and it's sent my life into a tailspin. Fortunately I had most of my critical files backed up, but all my program files, e-mails, photos and music are gone. I've started back on the road to recovery, but it's been a struggle. And I don't know if I'll ever trust my computer again. Any advice to ease my mind?

—Crashed on Cresthill

Dear Crashed:

I'm not much of a computer guy, but I know how hay-wire things get when stuff goes wrong with them. You just want to kick something. Or cry. Me, I'm a kicker. Which may be why most folks keep a safe distance from me. I always find that the one thing that puts me back in the right frame of mind is my granddaughter. Hanging out with her



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reminds me that no matter what's going wrong in my life, things are all right. Of course, tequila helps, too. If you don't have a child to hug, try aisle 4.

Dear Tim:

I saw you at the Taste of UA. Instead of sampling all the food vendors this year, you were joining them. What gives?

—Taster on Tarrington

Dear Taster:

Thanks for noticing. I know you're used to seeing me with an award-winning

Caffé DaVinci gelato in my hand at the Taste, but this year I was joining my fellow Tremont Center merchants in extolling all the friendly neighborhood shopping options available at our historic shopping center. I hope you took the time to meet and greet them all. And if you didn't, stop by sometime and I'll introduce you around.

Dear Tim:

Nicole Richie is pregnant. Isn't that one of the signs of the apocalypse?

—Worried on Woodview

Dear Worried:

You raise an interesting question. The Book of Revelation does make reference to a number of ecological cataclysms. But as unfortunate as her impending reproduction may be, I don't know if it qualifies. They were probably just talking about global warming.

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